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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>       | Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration |
| <b>Title</b>            | Records of the Committee on Armed Services                                    |
| <b>Date [inclusive]</b> | 1963-1965   |
| <b>Extent</b>           | 8.0 Cubic feet  |
| <b>Language</b>         | English   |

## Biographical/Historical note

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The Committee on Armed Services was established under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, which merged the jurisdictions of the former committees on Naval Affairs, and on Military Affairs to form a single committee, the Committee on Armed Services. The jurisdiction of the new committee included the following subjects: a) Common defense generally. b) The Department of Defense generally, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force generally. c) Ammunition depots; forts; arsenals; Army, Navy and Air Force reservations and establishments. d) Conservation, development, and use of naval petroleum and oil shale reserves. e) Pay, promotion, retirement, and other benefits and privileges of members of the armed forces. f) Scientific research and development in support of the armed services. g) Selective service. h) Size and composition of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. i) Soldiers' and sailors' homes. j) Strategic and critical materials necessary for the common defense. The committee has functioned through numerous subcommittees, the names and number of which vary from Congress to Congress. Through most of its history there have been four or five standing legislative subcommittees, several special subcommittees appointed to conduct specific studies, and an oversight or investigating subcommittee. The records that have been preserved reflect the complex and often technical nature of the subjects dealt with by the committee, and its reliance on subcommittees to perform most of the work.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee)

shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

**Committee on Armed Services Records**

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## **Collection Inventory**

### **Committee on Armed Services Records 1963-1965**

#### **Bill Files 1963-1965**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The bill files for the Committee on Armed Services exist for every Congress. The files average 7 feet per Congress and consist of thin tri-folded files for each bill and resolution referred to the committee. The files usually contain copies of the printed bill along with correspondence between the committee and the affected executive agencies.

#### **Executive Secretary Files 1963-1965**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The Executive Secretary files (86th-93rd Congresses) of the Committee on Armed Services consist of legislative files covering such subjects as military construction, Armed Forces pay, the Universal Military Training and Service Act, aircraft appropriations, and military personnel. These records are, for the most part, research files containing survey data, reports, correspondence, and other information relating to the subjects in the jurisdiction of the committee.

#### **Front Office Files 1963-1965**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The Front Office files of the Committee on Armed Services (80th-93d Congress) cover a variety of administrative subjects such as the personnel files of former committee staff members, committee travel,

**Full Committee**

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and miscellaneous topics such as invitations to members. Also included are files documenting military construction (FY 1964 and FY 1965); the procurement of research, development, test and evaluation of aircraft, missiles, and naval vessels (FY 1964 and FY 1965); and committee activity reports.

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically by Congress.

**Full Committee 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

The records of the full committee of the Committee on Armed Services include minutes, 1963-1964; calendar, 1963-1964; legislative history of the Uniformed Services Pay Act, 1963; procurement of research, development, test and evaluation of aircraft, missiles, and naval vessels, 1963-1964; Department of Defense appropriations and authorizations, FY 1964 and FY 1965; and reports, 1963-1964.

**Hearing Transcripts 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

The hearing transcripts of the Full Committee and subcommittees of the Committee on Armed Services include many transcripts of subcommittee hearings and executive sessions. Also included are hearings on sundry legislation affecting the naval and military establishments, 1963-1964.

**Oil Shale and Naval Petroleum Files 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

**Subcommittee on Real Estate**

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The Oil Shale and Naval Petroleum Files (80th-90th Congresses) of the Committee on Armed Services contain folders on naval petroleum in general, on specific sites such as Elk Hills, Buena Vista Hills, and Teapot Dome; and on issues such as Navy oil exploration, and hearings on naval oil shale reserves.

**Subcommittee on Real Estate 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

The records of the Subcommittee on Real Estate, Committee on Armed Services, include minutes and executive session transcripts.

**Subcommittee on Special Investigations 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

Records from the Special Investigations Subcommittee (84th-90th Cong., 73 ft.) of the Committee on Armed Services include reports and hearings. For each Congress, a large portion of the records of the subcommittee are arranged in subject files and indexed according to a numerical system. These large subject files include investigative subjects, administrative subjects, correspondence of committee members and staff, copies of hearings and special reports published by the subcommittee, transcripts of executive session hearings and meetings, and many other types of documents. The records of the subcommittee contain a large number of transcripts of hearings, many of which are unpublished executive session meetings.

**Travel Files 1963-1965****Scope and Contents note**

The Travel Files of the Committee on Armed Services contain correspondence and vouchers as well as other records related to the travel of committee members and staff.

**Arrangement note**



## Travel Files

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The records are arranged chronologically by Congress.